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Dr. Richard Holton Accidentally Wounded; Revolver Shot Shatters Bones of Leg; Being Cared For at Brattleboro Hospital

Order Eastern Star To Install Officers In January Meeting

At the last regular meeting of Northfield chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held in the Masonic rooms on Parker street, last week Wednesday evening, the reports of the various officers for the year were received and the annual election was held. Those who were chosen for the coming year were: Gladys Elithorpe, worthy matron; Walter Hyde, worthy patron; Dorothy Bolton, associate matron; Horace Bolton, associate patron; Josephine Haskell, secretary; Marion Given, treasurer; Ruth Hurlbut, conductress; Ida Sheldon, associate conductress; Frank H. Montague, trustee for three years.

The installation of the officers will take place on Friday, Jan. 20, in the Masonic hall, which members only will attend. The opening session will be at 6:30 o'clock with supper served at 6:30, and the installation ceremonies at 7:45 o'clock.

Auto Turned Turtle

Last Sunday, near the noon hour, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Greenleaf of Newton Center were passing through Northfield on their way to Brattleboro. When near the hill north of Wanamaker pond, another car came from the north at an excessive speed and in the effort to avoid a possible collision, Mr. Greenleaf applied the brakes, when the car skidded against the right bank and then rebounded across the road and overturned. Occupants were taken to the office of Dr. Wright for treatment after which they were taken to Brattleboro in another car, while their car was taken to a local garage for repairs. Mr. Greenleaf had a fractured collar bone. The driver of the speeding auto continued on his way not knowing of the accident which he had caused.

Hermion Athletics

The schedule for the six winter sports at Mount Hermon school, as released by Head Coach Axel B. Forslund, is as follows: Basketball—Deerfield Academy sometime in February; Vermont Academy here on Feb. 18; Williston at Williston on Feb. 25. Hockey—Williston here, Jan. 28; Vermont Academy at Saxton's River, Feb. 11; Deerfield at Deerfield, Feb. 25. Wrestling—Amherst Frosh here on Feb. 11; Loomis here, Feb. 18; Suffield at Suffield, Feb. 25. Swimming—Mass. State Frosh at Amherst, Feb. 11; Suffield at Suffield, Feb. 25; Deerfield here, March 4. Fencing—Yale Frosh here, Feb. 4; Loomis here, Feb. 18; Wilbraham at Wilbraham, March 4. Skiing—Vermont Acad. here, Jan. 21; Putney school at Putney, Feb. 25.

Firemen Kept Busy

The fire department was called on during the past week for several alarms beginning with last Saturday evening, when they were called to the Belding house at South Vernon, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lemieux for a chimney fire. On Sunday morning they were called to the Podlenski home on the meadows in Northfield Farms for a chimney fire, in which the partitions caught fire. On Monday morning they were called to the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Potts in the Britton house, East Northfield, where an oil stove caught fire. In all of these the damage was small and the fire was speedily put out.

YULE LOGS

Trees gone with the wind!
Ah, me! What a breeze!
But still we have with us
The old Christmas trees.

They're rooted too firmly
In hearts young and old;
No gale can destroy them,
Too strong is their hold.

Indeed it's an ill wind
That blows no one good;
We have yule logs plenty
For fireplace and wood.

So cannot we our blessings
From greatest to least—
God "stayeth His rough wind
In the day of the east."
—Philip T. Phelps

Considerable sympathy is being manifested by the many friends of Dr. Richard G. Holton of this town, in the unfortunate accident which befell him while on a visit to a friend last Friday evening, in Winchester, where he had motored with his sister to make a call. Picking up a coat, thrown over the back of one of the chairs in the house, in order to sit down and to converse with his friend, while the latter was engaged at



some work, a revolver in the pocket of the coat, accidentally discharged and the ball hit Dr. Holton in the leg, shattering both bones.

With assistance he was immediately rushed to the Brattleboro Memorial hospital by automobile, where X-rays were at once taken and preparations begun to treat the wound, which will require expert surgical care.

He is being made as comfortable as is possible under the circumstances but it will be some time before he can be moved, and the results of the injury determined.

The news when received in the town spread rapidly, and everybody expressed their deep sympathy, uniting in the hope for an early recovery.

Northfield Fortnightly Hears Palestine Talk

Rev. George S. Cooke, pastor of the Unitarian church of Northampton delivered a most interesting and instructive talk on Christmas in the Holy Land at the scheduled meeting of the Fortnightly club in Alexander hall last Friday afternoon. He reviewed the geographical, political and religious history of that part of the world where Christ was born and gave vivid descriptions of its various places, its peoples and their customs. The meeting was presided over by President Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, who introduced the speaker and welcomed the guests who accompanied him.

The members brought a large assortment of gifts which this year will be distributed to the needy children of the town by the district nurse, Miss Purrington.

Members present joined in the singing of several Christmas carols before adjourning. Mrs. Fred H. Doolittle was the hostess and welcomed all to the gathering.

The next regular meeting of the Fortnightly is scheduled for Friday afternoon, Jan. 6 at three o'clock at Alexander hall, when Prof. H. H. Morse will give a talk on "current events."

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

And in despair I bowed my head;
'There is no peace on earth', I said;
'For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth and good will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong will fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Men's Brotherhood Enjoyed Evening

Nearly fifty members of the Men's Brotherhood of the Congregational church gathered Tuesday evening for a supper at 6:30 in the vestry of the church. There was the usual business session at which several new members were voted and the program of the ensuing months announced.

The gathering had a good time singing several Christmas carols and then witnessed a fine film showing of the lumber business in the west. There were many fine pictures of the cattle country, the lofty mountains of the Rockies, and the fine scenic forests. A group of Boy Scouts which also had held a meeting elsewhere in the church were invited to witness the movie. President George McEwan presided.

Home For Holidays From College Studies

The young people of the town will be much in evidence during this holiday season, as schools and colleges closed for the Christmas vacation. Among these are first, those who are attending the Seminary and Mt. Hermon school and they form a surprisingly large group.

Others at home are: Miss Virginia Powell from Mount Holyoke; Harold Briemaster, Amherst; Robert Deever, Middlebury; Miss Ruth McEwan, Wellesley; Miss Margaret Skilton, Green Mountain Junior college; Russell Durgin, Dartmouth; Laurie Harris, Evans Potts, Miss Hannah Fisher, Colby; Raymond Plotzyck, Holy Cross; Donald Sutherland, Stanley Newton, West Virginia Wesleyan; Thomas Parker, Governor Dummer; Miss Susan Wilder, Smith; Aden French, Middlebury; Ralph Reed, Albert Cembalisty, Mass. State college.

Moderator William F. Hoehn has been invited to a series of meetings in Boston on securing uniformity in the conduct of town meetings, to which all Moderators have been invited.

CHURCH SERVICES

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10; At 11, a Christmas service with a Christmas message, also Christmas carols by the choir and the congregation. At 2:30, Sunday school at the farm, followed by a worship service; A service for all ages at the Barber District schoolhouse. At 6:30, carol service by the Endeavor at the homes. At 8, the choir will present a Christmas program.

Tuesday at 7:30, the Endeavor will conduct a cottage meeting. Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service at the vestry, followed by the choir rehearsal. The Watchnight service will begin at 10 o'clock in the Endeavor room.

SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday the Church School will meet in the church. Worship Christmas service at 10:45 a. m. Everything in this worship will be in harmony with the Spirit of the day.

This Friday evening there will be held the regular church school Christmas party in the vestry from 7 to 9 o'clock. There will be no supper, as in previous years, but there will be the usual tree festivities, games, exchange of gifts, and light refreshments. At the close will be held a candle lighting service, in which all will participate by giving a quotation or a story appropriate to Christmas.

American Red Cross Roll Call Totals Are Now Complete

The final results of the Roll Call of the Red Cross in Northfield have been computed and the total funds amounting to \$539.14 have been turned over to the Franklin county chapter and acknowledged by Miss Long, secretary, in a final letter to Mr. Fitt, local chairman.

There was secured from the town and Seminary \$525.10 which with the junior service fund amounts to \$539.14. There were 374 \$1 memberships, 6 gifts of \$5 each, \$92.34 in less than \$1 gifts and \$28.76 was received additional with memberships.

This certainly makes a fine showing for this town, a result obtained by the hard and faithful work of the members of the soliciting committees.

Helen Miller Gould Dies At Summer Home

Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, better known as Helen Miller Gould, daughter of Jay Gould, died after a brief illness at her summer home in Margaretville, N. Y. on Wednesday. She inherited one-sixth of her father's estate of eighty-five million dollars and gave away large fortunes to charity. She was hailed for her benevolences, as "the most beloved woman in the country." She was much interested in the work for the soldiers and sailors of America and gave much to the Young Men's Christian Association. She gave to educational institutions and gave to the Northfield Seminary the large dormitory building which bears her name. Mrs. Shepard was 70 years of age, and was born in New York, June 20, 1860. A fine Christian character was hers. Her home was in Tarrytown, N. Y.

The Literary Number Of Seminary Issued

The literary number of the Northfield "Star", the official bulletin of the students of Northfield Seminary, was issued and distributed just before the young ladies left for their homes to spend the Christmas holidays.

The booklet, about six by nine inches, has sixty-four pages with cover in blue. The essays, poetry and illustrations are by the students themselves, and awards were made for excellent as announced in last week's "Press." The entire work reflects much credit upon the contributors and proves to be a most interesting publication.

Bad Auto Collision On Mt. Hermon Hill

Another bad automobile accident took place late last Friday afternoon on the Mt. Hermon hill at the Gill road intersection, when cars driven by Gordon Carr and Miss Stevens of Greenfield came together with considerable force.

Both were traveling up the hill, but the jam came when the Greenfield car had apparently stopped and then made the turn about toward the Gill road. Fortunately no one was injured, although the cars were badly damaged. Constable Haskell was on the scene and State Police investigated.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Do you sometimes catch your breath
When you see a holly wreath?
Holly wreath? Crown of thorn
Once by Christ the Saviour worn!
Glossy leaves with berries red;
Drops of blood for me He shed!
'Round that thorny circlet cling
Memories of suffering.

Why this wreath at Christmas time—
Dissonance in joy bells' chime?
Christmas bells peal out His birth,
Peace and love to all on earth;
Yet His birth had been but loss
If there had not been a cross.
By the cross came peace and joy—
Themes the angels' songs employ.

Link for us, strange Diadem,
Calvary and Bethlehem!
—Walter C. Erdman

Alumni Secretary Frank E. Dunn of Mount Hermon was the speaker at the meeting of the Springfield Hermon club Tuesday evening at the University club in Springfield. He spoke of the activities and needs of the school.

LEGAL

All persons having bills against the town of Northfield should send them to the Selectmen not later than Tuesday, December 27, to receive attention.

F. A. HOLTON, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Taxpayers' Association May Be Formed Here

This town has made several efforts to organize a Taxpayers' association to take an interest in town affairs, as well as those of the state, but each effort was doomed to failure because of lack of leadership. Now that the Massachusetts State Taxpayers' association has demonstrated its resources and success in its work, county organizations are being created as its units and in many towns, local associations have organized and cooperated.

The Franklin county council is now organized with the representation of seven towns and it is proposed to secure a permanent council secretary. Northfield is now being urged to form a unit and unite with the council and expressions are being heard from many of our citizens that they are interested and consider it a wise and proper thing to do. Some announcement will soon be made locally in regard to the matter.

The headquarters of the council will be in the Mansion House at Greenfield.

The County Hospital Operating At A Loss

In a report made by Treasurer J. W. Ballard of the Franklin county hospital to the board of trustees, a net loss of \$2982 was indicated for the past 11 months of the fiscal year. The loss for November amounted to \$1643.

During November, the income from patients declined \$116 from the previous month. The operating expenses were up \$1161, but with no apparently greater significance than normal short-time variations. Investment income was \$278. The average number of patients was 77 in November as compared with 76 in October.

The 11-month loss, exclusive of a loss of \$4877 on sale of investments, totals \$11,646. This is partially offset by the net cash receipts from subscriptions of \$8666. This gives a net loss of \$2982 for the 11 months after subscriptions but before any abnormal charge-offs for bad debts, investment losses, or possible equipment depreciation.

"A Puritan Outpost" Has Limited Sale

A number of our citizens a few years ago were enthusiastic over the issuance and publication of a town history. A strong appeal was made to our voters for co-operation and they responded generously. Hon. Herbert W. Parsons, a native son was secured to write the book and the title of "A Puritan Outpost" was chosen. Subscriptions of five dollars a copy were received but of the total of 500 copies there remains unsold 223 of the books. There are 223 subscribers who have not called, nor paid for their books.

THE SOLITARY WAY

There is a mystery in human hearts
And tho' we be encircled by a host
Of those who love us well, and are beloved
To every one of us, from time to time
There comes a sense of utter loneliness.
Our dearest friend is stranger to our joy
And cannot realize our bitterness.
"There is not one who really understands,
Not one to enter into all I feel."
Such is the cry of each of us in turn.
We wander in a Solitary Way;
No matter what or where our lot may be,
Each heart, mysterious even to itself,
Must live its inner life in solitude.

Many Will Gather For Hostel Reunion

The Youth Hostel will note its fourth anniversary on Tuesday, Dec. 27 and it is expected that the traditional celebration will take place in the gathering of many hostellers who will come to enjoy the holiday vacation and extend their visit through New Year's Day. Weather permitting, a long list of winter sports will be arranged for the out-of-doors, while at the hostel the evenings will be filled with music and merriment. Already a large number have made reservations and advised of their coming. The hostel started its career in the basement rooms of the Chateau of the Northfield hotel and since its beginning has made rapid progress as a new youth organization.

Northfield Hotel To Operate Independent; Leaves Treadway Chain January First; A. Gordon Moody Named Its Manager

Sheriff F. W. Doane Falls In Greenfield And Injures Himself

While walking on Main street in Greenfield near Wilson's Department store on Monday morning, Sheriff Fred W. Doane slipped and fell. He was immediately removed to the Franklin county hospital for treatment and X-ray and



is under the care of Dr. H. N. Howe. It is thought that his injuries might consist of a fractured hip and minor bruises. He is resting comfortably and making improvement.

Mr. Doane is completing his second term as Sheriff and is 68 years of age. For many years he was a resident of Northfield and active in its civic and political life. In 1923 he became connected with the County House of Correction and later became the County Sheriff. He declined re-nomination for the position this year and will be retired in January, when he will be succeeded by the Sheriff-elect, Michael W. Carroll of Millers Falls.

An Active Woman Is Mrs. Robert E. Speer

Mrs. Robert E. Speer, who is honorary president of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. and who served as its president for 16 years previous to 1932 is one of the country's leading women interpreters of religious thought. She is frequently called upon for addresses at women's gatherings. A press article which recently appeared, says of her:

"Mrs. Speer has studied closely the problems, the interests and the activities of women and girls everywhere and has been an especial observer of the position which women occupy in the field of religion as well as in political, social and economic life.

"She is an ardent worker in various moves for world peace and through the international program of the Y. W. C. A., now carried on in 52 countries has made a large contribution to the understanding and friendship of women and girls of many nations and races. Most of us in Northfield know Mrs. Speer and her husband Dr. Robert E. Speer, who is a trustee of the Northfield Schools, a former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church. They were frequent visitors here at the home of their son, the late Elliott Speer.

John S. Burnett

John S. Burnett of West Dummerston, Vt., a former resident of Northfield, and for several years associated with William D. Miller in his hardware and plumbing business, died Tuesday morning after a brief illness. He leaves a wife and an infant son, his father and a sister, Dr. Grace Burnett of Brattleboro. The funeral was held from Mitchell's funeral home on Thursday.

The Grange

Northfield Grange will hold a regular meeting at the hall next Tuesday evening. The program will be appropriate for the Christmas season. Refreshments will be served.

There will also be held a public card party at the Grange hall on Thursday, Dec. 29 at 8 p. m.

After five years under the management of the L. G. Treadway Service Corp., of New York, the Northfield Hotel will cease to be a constituent member of the chain of "Real New England Inns" on Jan. 1 and A. Gordon Moody, has been named as manager, operating under the direct control of the directors of the Hotel corporation, whose stock is held by the trustees of the Northfield schools.

The move has been rumored for some time but is effective now, owing to the expiration of the contract with the Service corporation. Mr. Moody has been the resident manager, under Mr. Treadway, up to this time but now assumes entire control. The hotel will operate on its usual lines and will be in every way an independent institution. No changes are to be made in the various departments of its work, nor of its staff.

Since its establishment many years ago, the hotel has been a popular resort to many, to the transient and to the more or less permanent guest. It has a comfortable and homey atmosphere with spacious parlors and inviting rooms.

During the year many conference groups hold their gatherings there and during the summer period, the hotel is usually taxed to its capacity with members of the various summer conferences. The maintenance of the Chateau is also included under the hotel management.

Leaves Hostel Work

Karl Kaufhold, a familiar figure about the Youth Hostel for a long time, who conducted the Rolling Hostel trip across the continent last summer, and upon his return was granted a vacation, arrived in town from Florida last Saturday. His wife, who also maintained an active interest in hostel work, is now teaching kindergarten in her home town. After seeing to the packing of his furniture and belongings and arranging for its temporary storage, Karl said good-bye to his friends and left Northfield, on Sunday. Many will wish him success in any venture in which he engages. He was an ardent enthusiast for the Youth Hostel movement and made a very favorable impression while here in its behalf.

At St. James Church

There will be a children's service at four o'clock Saturday, Christmas Eve, at St. James Episcopal church in Greenfield. On Sunday, Holy Communion at 8 a. m.; Holy Communion and sermon at 11 a. m.; Monday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Tuesday, St. John Evangelist Day, Holy Communion, 10 a. m.; Wednesday, Holy Innocents' Day, Holy Communion, 10 a. m.; Children's party, 3 p. m., Pageant "At His Throne," by the Girls' Friendly society.

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TOWN TOPICS

There is some talk of holding a series of evangelistic meetings at the Congregational church shortly after the new year, but thus far no definite announcement has been made.

The Northfield bowling team played Bernardston Wednesday

evening. The local team occupies fifth position in the league. Gingham has a high average of 96, however.

Many homes in town are beautifully decorated with lights and greens and our strolling reporter may enumerate some of them next week.

With snow on the ground many

of our residents are gathering up the brush on their premises and burning it up.

Hotel reservations at the Northfield, indicate a large number of visitors over the New Year's holiday.

Several baskets for Christmas to needy families will be distributed this week by the local Salvation Army committee.

SOUTH VERNON
(West Northfield)

Clifton Basset of Gill and Ernest Porey of Greenfield were injured when their car, traveling south, hit a row of guard posts on the left of the road, near the watering tub in Vernon last week Thursday night. They suffered cuts and bruises about the face and were taken to the Brattleboro hospital for treatment.

Services at the Advent Christian church next Sunday and during the week: Morning worship, Sunday, 10:45, with special music; church school at 12:15; young people's service at 6 p. m. at the parsonage. Song service at 7, followed by a sermon by the pastor, Rev. George A. Gray. Midweek service at the Vernon Home, Dec. 29, at 7 p. m.

Robert Roger of West Northfield has returned to the Farren hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

A Christmas concert and tree, with appropriate exercises by the children of the Sunday school, and special music by the choir will be held at the South Vernon church this Saturday evening at 7:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Elva Martineau, Miss Marjorie Tyler and Miss Helen Scherlin from Castleton Normal school, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents here.

The South Vernon P. T. A. held a card party at the South school, Tuesday evening. Those winning first prizes were: Miss Julia Cheney, Harry Amnden and Walfred Scherlin. Mrs. Albert Johnson, hostess, served refreshments.

A large crowd attended the Pond P. T. A. card party held at the Pond school last Friday evening. Awards were made to Miss Arlene Arsenault, Ellwyn Miller, Edward Cook and Miss Isabella Tyler. Host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scherline, who served refreshments. A surprise feature was the singing of "Happy Birthday to You" to Mrs. E. W. Scherline in honor of her anniversary. She was presented with a cyclamen in full bloom in recognition of her services in the association. Mrs. Pauline Streeter presented her with a beautifully decorated cake. Mrs. Scherline expressed her appreciation.

Frank Willard of Northampton was a guest at L. B. Underwood's Tuesday.

Mrs. Julia L. Stockwell of West Brattleboro was a guest of Mrs. Lula Tyler, Thursday.

Mrs. Harry Zalusky was taken to Franklin county hospital for an operation. She is expected home soon.

Miss Elva Martineau is visiting her sister, Mrs. Laura Thayer in

Greenfield for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thayer of Greenfield, will spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Martineau.

Miss Helen Scherlin is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Becker of Black Mountain road, Brattleboro for two weeks.

Miss Marjorie Tyler is enjoying visiting Brattleboro High School for a few days.

Dickinson Hall school has closed for the Christmas vacation and the teacher, Miss Eleanor Kurnin has gone to her home in Framingham to spend the holidays.

William Wright, former resident and proprietor of the store now owned by L. L. Harris, was badly gored by an enraged bull last Thursday. He is at the Farren hospital in a critical condition. His home is on the Lamplack road, Bernardston, and has been engaged in the cattle business several years.

Christmas exercises will be held at the South school this Friday at 7:30 p. m. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

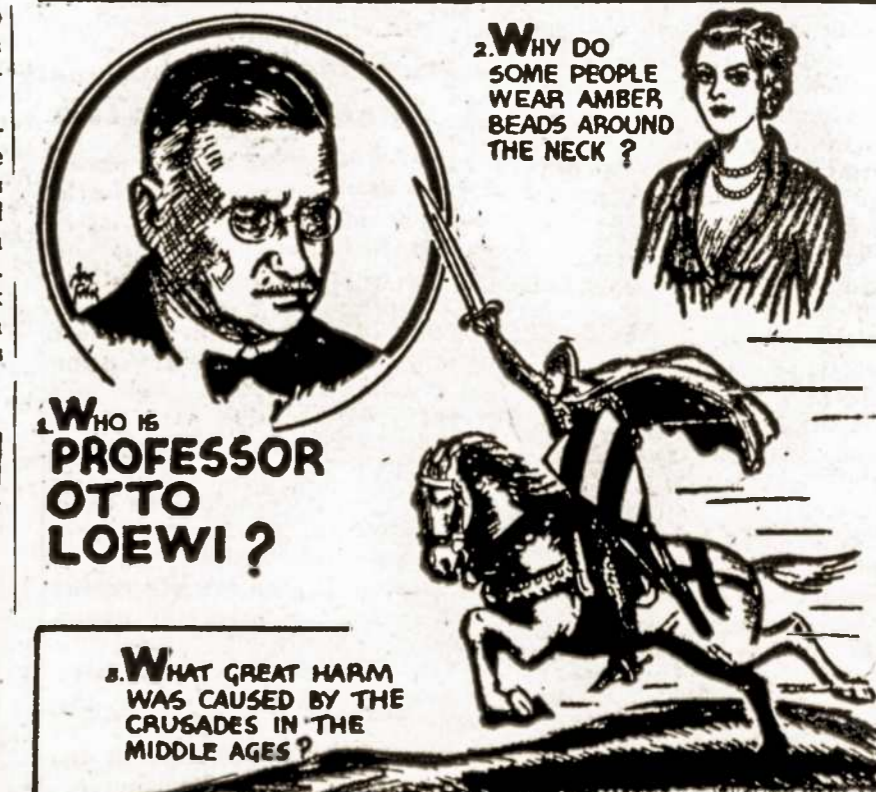
How many of you know Napoleon's famous quotation? If you don't know it, it is this: "Able

was I ere I saw Elba." Incidentally that reads the same backwards as forward.

Visitor: So your son got his B. A. and his M. A.?
Father: Yes, but it's still his P. A. that supports him.

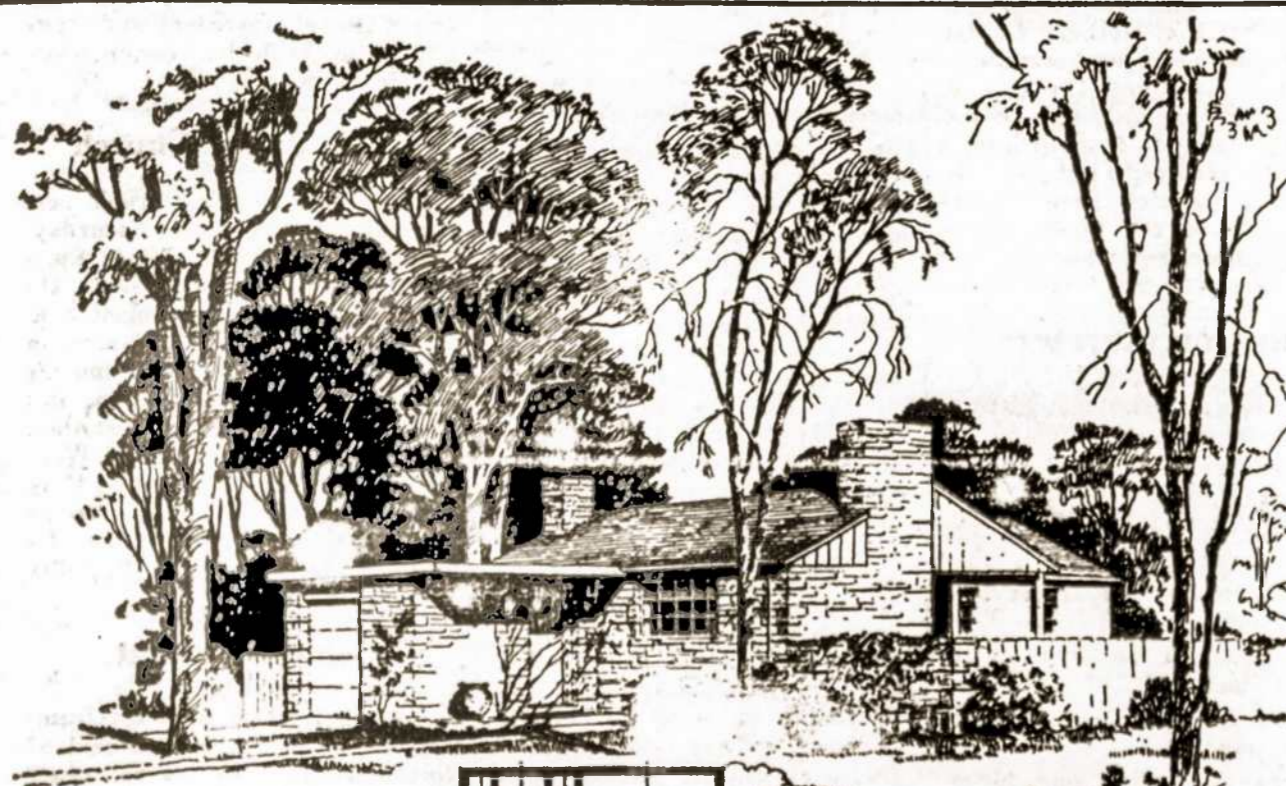
What Do You Know About Health?

By FISHER BROWN and NAT FALK



Answers 1. An Austrian scientist who received the 1936 Nobel Prize in medicine for his work in explaining how the motor nerves make the muscles work.
2. It is erroneously believed that they will protect against goiter or croup. The practice is not founded on scientific fact.
3. Leprosy was spread widely throughout Europe as a result of the Crusades. The disease found a fertile soil in filth.

This House Is As American As Sweet Potato Pie



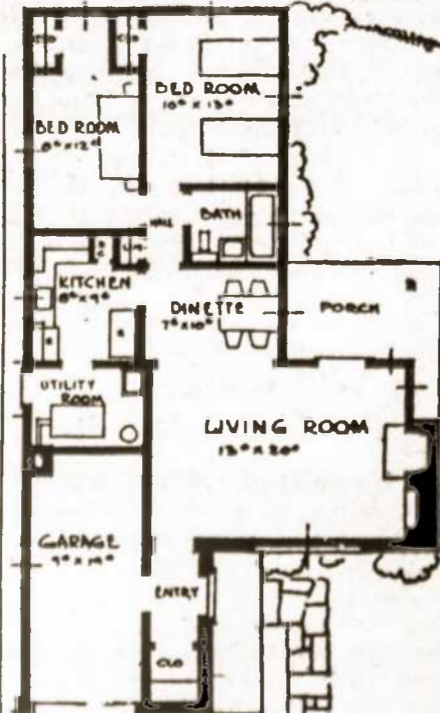
Here's a house with two front doors, lots of windows for sunlight and fresh air, colorfully rich walls and roof and an enclosing fireproof blanket.

Two front doors? Certainly, for Randolph Evans, its architect, believes that the modern house should be entered either a-foot or by automobile. In this house, after driving into the garage, family or guests can then step directly into the entry hall without being exposed to the fury of stormy weather.

And look at the windows, especially the corner window in the living room that overlooks the fenced-in garden, and the wide casements to the right of the front door that are high enough to permit placing a sofa or table under them.

But the sheer beauty of this small house is one of its chief talking points. It is typically American—as American as sweet potato pie. Native ledge stone walls and chimney give it a sturdy, colorful appearance that harmonizes perfectly with the rich rust-red mineral surfaced asphalt shingles on the roof and with the rust-red front door.

White stuccoed side and rear walls and painted white vertical siding on the gable ends and garden fence further set off the rich asphalt shingled roof and grey-gold walls.



But don't think that this is an expensive house to build. According to the Monthly Small House Club of 227 East 45th Street, New York City, for which it was designed, this house should build for about \$5,500 in most parts.

Despite its low cost, it is fully and modernly equipped for work-free and comfortable living. But equally important is the high degree of fire-safety that has been designed into it. There is little need

to fear fire in this house! Stone and stucco exterior walls and fire-resistant asphalt shingles on the roof protect it against outside fires, while four inches of mineral wool in side walls and first floor ceiling not only insulate it summer and winter, but wrap it in a protecting, fireproof blanket.

It is this four inch blanket of mineral wool, also installed between the first floor and the ground, that keeps the floor of this cellar-less house comfortably warm and draft free, a boon to romping youngsters.

Though it will fit comfortably on a 45 foot lot, or larger, this house doesn't appear to be narrow or "tight."

For this house is for people who haven't a world of money to spend, but who want to live in an attractive and modern home. Built neither like a castle in Spain, a Norman keep or a Tudor hall, it is economically and intelligently planned. Not an inch is wasted, and not a building cent is devoted to unnecessary furbelows.

In fact, this is really a house for our times.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Sidney Marcy and children, who are at present with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Truesdell in Bernardston, left this week to reside at Chicago, where her husband is pursuing studies at the Moody Bible Institute.

This week witnesses the shortest days of the year, which are only of nine hours and five minutes of daylight. After Wednesday, Dec. 28, the days will begin to lengthen and perhaps the cold will strengthen.

Mrs. William A. White of Birnam road is visiting her friend, Mrs. Minnie M. Bixby at Nashua, N. H., who is ill.

The will of Clifford I. Holton was filed for probate last week and bequeaths the estate to his widow, Josephine E. Each of his children are given \$5 but after the death of Mrs. Holton, the estate is to be divided equally among them.

The town, through its street department is still busy, removing many remaining stumps of fallen trees along the town roads. One of the largest stumps was removed from the roadside on Winchester road, in front of the property of Mrs. Grace C. Cornell last week.

James Mattern of Highland avenue, who is on his school vacation, has gone to Bergenfield, N. J. to spend the Christmas season with relatives.

At the meeting of the Congregational ministers of the county held last week in the parish house of the Second Congregational church of Greenfield it was voted that a pre-Lenten conference be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21, the day before the beginning of Lent.

The selectmen of the various towns of the county held their annual meeting last Saturday evening at the Mansion House in Greenfield. Dinner was served at 6:30, following which President John W. Heselton of the State Selectman's association and Axel Zetterman, its executive secretary, were the speakers.

Northfield's basketball team suffered a defeat at the hands of the North Parish team of Greenfield on Thursday evening of last week. The score was 48-37.

Ernest Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton who is a senior at Mt. Hermon school has been placed on the honor list.

Rev. Philip Phelps, who resides here for at least half of the year, is spending holiday season with friends in Neshanic, N. J.

Miss June Wright is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright for the holiday vacation. Her sister Vera and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence White of Boston will arrive Friday and the family will spend Christmas together.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Walker have arrived in Florida and are at Clearwater. They made the journey by motor and spent an afternoon at North Augusta, S. C., with Mrs. W. R. Moody and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malbon, whom they found well and happily located.

William C. Roberts, whose marriage was recently announced, is living with Mrs. Roberts at Bristol, Ct. He recently declined a pastorate offered to him in a Maine church. He will be remembered by many in Northfield as very active in church work and especially with the boys in the old Brigade effort. He was employed at Kenarden hall for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holden have been occupying the "Homestead" during the absence of Mrs. Wm. R. Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody have gone to Princeton, N. J., to spend the Christmas season with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Loos and family.

Mrs. Leon R. Alexander, who now occupies an apartment in the Bookstore building, will spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Lillian, in Boston.

Miss Sophie Servaes will spend the Christmas season with her folks at their home in Boston.

Venus is the early morning star these days and you can see it brilliantly in the eastern sky, very easily just before the rising of the sun. Take a good look at it when you have the chance.

Center school teachers have gone to their homes for the school vacation. Principal George M. Leonard is at his home at North Abington, Miss Helen L. Pierson has gone to Middleboro, Miss Elizabeth Braley to Putney, Vt., and Miss Glenna Gibson to Turners Falls.

On Sunday evening in the Congregational church at eight o'clock the choir will present an hour of Christmas music, which all are invited to attend.

An inventory filed in probate court Monday in the estate of the late Thomas P. Quinlan, shows a personal estate of \$2481.13 and real estate of \$4800.

Miss Anna E. Slaght, who is attending Center school is making her home with Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Wright.

Dr. and Mrs. George A. Bronson will spend the Christmas holidays in New York and Miss Doris Herriot will visit at Rye, N. Y.

According to plates recently issued at the registry about 1850 of the 1939 registrations have been secured. It is expected that nearly 10,000 plates will be secured. That means a rush by applicants sometime before the first of the month.

Latest reports from Mrs. Monroe Smith are very encouraging. She is able to sit up in a wheelchair and is generally stronger.

Several members of the AYH staff are going home for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wahl, houseparents, to their son and daughter's in Wellesley for the day; the Misses Margaret Dean to South Lincoln; Helen Detweiler and Nancy Reasoner to New York City; Faith Owens to West Haven, Ct.; Marian Dunham to her sister's in Washington, D. C.; Marion Kumin to Athol; the Messrs. Wm. Martin to New York City; Robert Weir to Greenfield; and Wm. Brington to West Chester, Pa.

Cortland Finch has returned to the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Northampton for treatment. He is quite ill.

William Ross, who is a member of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Hampton Roads, Va., is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ross.

The post offices of the town will be closed all day next Monday, Christmas Day. Get your mail on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul D. Moody and daughter, Charlotte, are spending the Christmas vacation with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Rice and family at Ashville, N. C.

Joseph Butynski of Rye, N. Y. is spending the vacation season with his family here.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Fairbanks of Main street are spending Christmas with relatives in Morristown, N. J. Their granddaughters accompanied them.

Capt. and Mrs. William Marshall will spend Christmas at Bethlehem, Pa., which is the home of Mrs. Marshall.

William Lyon Phelps in lecturing on "Books Worth Reading" at the Brooklyn Institute recently, included in his list the book of Dr. Paul Moody, "My Father" which of course has to do with the life of D. L. Moody.

Don't forget the dance and program of the Girl Scouts in the town hall next Tuesday evening. You will enjoy yourself and be supporting a good cause.

Mrs. Wm. R. Moody will spend Christmas at Pine Ridge Inn in Aiken, S. C., only a short distance from the Malbons at North Augusta. Dr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of New York will join her on Christmas day.

Some winter sports are lagging for the Christmas season owing to the lack of snow for skiing and snow-shoeing. There is enough snow for sledding and it is hoped that there will be good ice for skating.

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EDITORIAL

Christmas is upon us. It tells a simple story. We have loved it all our lives. In our minds we have watched with the shepherds while guarding their sheep on the hills of Bethlehem. We have seen the star in the heavens and heard with them in the glorious song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men." We have heard with them the glad tidings, "Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour which is Christ, the Lord." And so with them we have gone to Bethlehem to worship Him. With shepherds, kings, and peoples of every clime, of every race, from all nations, we may still join in the adoration and worship of the Christ-child. Christmas tells its own story in a universal language of human experience. Men and women across a strife-torn world respond to its message of reverence and respect. It brings us closer to a spiritual kinship with one another and instills the kindly thoughtfulness and helpfulness to one another. The Christmas season brings cheer and love reigns. God is in His heaven, all's well with the world.—Editorial in "Press" 1937 Repeated by request.

Some of the business forecasters are taking a cautious tone. They do not look for a severe reaction in the upward production and consumption cycle—they do think that the rate of betterment may tend to slow in the near future and level off. The international situation remains one of the worst factors, and has troubled financial markets. The automobile industry continues to lead the way. As Business Week says, so long as this continues, there is little cause for apprehension as to the general business curve. Consumer demand for new cars seems very strong. It is extremely doubtful, however, if we will be able to regain early 1937 levels within the next three or four months. Steel is down and there is small likelihood of production coming up with a rush. And such burning problems as those of agriculture and the railroads remain unsolved.

Hotel Manager Dies

Sanford A. Daniels, manager of the Brooks House in Brattleboro, died after a brief illness in Brattleboro last Saturday. He was 64 years of age, a prominent Mason, for twelve years Postmaster at Brattleboro, and a former Senator. He was an active member of the Methodist church. The funeral was held on Monday. He was well and favorably known to many in Northfield.

The Back Yard Gardener

There seems to be quite a vogue lately to make home Christmas decorations and I certainly agree with the idea because there is quite a thrill in making your own. Probably one of the easiest to make is a centerpiece for the Christmas table. So I thought I'd pass along a few suggestions today as to how you can do it. You probably have only two or three days after you read this, but it can be done in that time.

Take a block of soft wood, about three by four inches, and an inch thick. Wrap this block of wood well with waxed paper and fasten the paper on the sides of the block with tacks. Leave the tack heads sticking out enough so that you can tie string to them. Put four or five tacks on each side and two or so on each end.

On top of the block put a mat of wet sphagnum moss and then by cross lacing from one tack to another you can tie the moss to the block. If you don't have moss, excelsior can be used, or tissue paper, although these of course won't hold moisture which helps keep the evergreens fresh. Furthermore, you will probably have to punch holes with a skewer in the paper so that you can insert your evergreens.

Anyway, the idea is to fill this moss with small pieces of Christmas holly, arbor vitae, juniper, pine, hemlock, laurel, or other evergreen material. Simply have the pieces five or six inches long and sharpen them and stick them into the moss or excelsior. Then set in the center a bright red candle. You can insert barberry, bayberry, pine cones, and so on, thus making a very attractive decoration for your Christmas table.

Know Massachusetts

Compiled by
State Planning Board

Do you know that new winter sports developments this season include an open ski slope at Pittsfield state forest, a tow at Bousquet's near Pittsfield, two ski trails and three open slopes at Beartown state forest, a trail and slope at East Mountain state forest, a ski jump at Greenfield, three trails, a tow and open slope at Black Panther Ski center at Huntington . . . The nicknames of Massachusetts are: Baked Bean State, Old Colony State, Old Bay State or Bay State, Puritan State . . . The dome of the State House is covered with 28-carat leaf gold . . . The first major improvement on Eli Whitney's cotton gin was made by Eleazer Carver at East Bridgewater in 1838 . . . Shingle stains were developed in 1882 by Samuel Cabot of Chelsea as was Sylpho-Nathol, the first American disinfectant . . . Three-fourths of the world's cranberries are raised in Massachusetts. They were the first American fruit exported to foreign markets . . . In the 18th and 19th centuries in Massachusetts, lotteries were operated for the erection of public bridges, schools, etc. . . There are approximately 130 yacht and boat clubs in the state . . . The last whaling boat in Massachusetts was fitted out in New Bedford in 1869 . . . In 1837 sailors in Boston "struck" for a raise from \$14 to \$16 a month . . . State Planning board is sponsoring two bills in the legislature—one to legalize "freeways," the other to enable municipalities to stabilize their public works expenditures.

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